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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2009, in which all pending claims 1-29 were subject to restriction. In particular, the position was taken that the application includes claims directed to three distinct inventions. Group I, claims 1-17, 28 and 29, drawn to an agitation device, Group II, claims 18-26, drawn to a bag, and Group III, claim 27, drawn to a method of preparing a sample.

By this response, the Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-17, 28 and 29, in this application. This election is made without traverse.

Examination of the application is requested. No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with this response. Should an extension of time, or any fee be required, the applicant requests that this action be undertaken and our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 be charged for the fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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